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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 14th/November, through Sunday, 21st/November there were 211 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P4, PA, PJ2, PY, PZ, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

160 METERS NEWS.....

- Ijaz, **AP2IA**, states that he will be on daily at 0200z on 160 meters No frequency was provided.
- Operators Yasunori/JI1NJC and Yuu/JR2KDN will be active from **Iceland** (TF) from **November 25th to December 1st**. They will use a Rhombic antenna and KW, and are interested in the low band. Here is a good chance to get TF on 160 and 80 meters (especially for Asia). Suggested frequencies are 1828.5 kHz (listening down 5) and 3503 kHz (listening up 5).
- By the time you read this, Charlie/W0YG and Burt/W0MY should have arrived on

Christmas Island (VK9X) for a two week plus stay as **VK9XG**. Their major aim on this operation is 160 and 80 meter DX QSOs. According to Steve, VK6VZ, the "VK9XG is likely to be the last lowband DXpedition on Christmas Island for some time, as accomodation on the island that is suitable for radio purposes is increasingly difficult to find." Look for the operation to be on 1828.5, listening 5 kHz up and down. Charlie and Burt will operate from sunset until sunrise every day, while dozing in the dead periods. VK9X is a much easier shot on 160m for Europe than North America, so few USA stations have worked VK9X on 160m. A maximum effort will go into working North America on both SP and LP. Please QSL direct to W0YG. Instead of sending through the Bureau, please use the "Logbook of The World" (LoTW).

4K, AZERBAIJAN. Operators Rashad/4J9RI, Aleksandr/4J7WMF, Sergey/4J5A, Andrey/4K6DI and Igor/4K5D are in **Baku** and will be active as **4K7Z** in the **CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 27-28th)** as a Multi-Op/All-Band/Single- Transmitter entry. QSL via UA3FDX (direct or by the bureau); and also for 2004 CQ WW DX SSB Contest and other periods of activity.

6O, SOMALIA. Baldur/DJ6SI and Thomas/DL1QW are now active **until November 26th**. Callsigns being used are **600X** (CW) and **600W** (SSB and RTTY). Activity will be on 160-10 meters. QSL 600X via DJ6SI and QSL 600W via DL1QW.

6W, SENEGAL. Look for Jacques, F6BEE, to be active as **6W1RW** during the **CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 27-28th)** as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via F6BEE.

8Q, MALDIVES. Operators Igor/UA9CDC, Willy/UN9LW, Andrei/RA9CKQ, Alexey/UA9DD, Mikhail/RW6AN and Vadim/UA9CLB will be active as **8Q7DV** in the **CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 27-28th)** as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via UA9CLB.

9K, KUWAIT. Faisal, 9K2RR, will be active as **9K2HN** during the **CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 27-28th)** as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m) entry. QSL via 9K2HN.

9N, NEPAL. QSL Manager Dennis, PA7FM, informs OPDX that Michael, PA5M (aka ST2DX, TZ6M, 9U5M, 5U7DX and TY5M) is now in Nepal for a period of **3 weeks**. He will apply for a licence, and if possible for 30, 20, 17 and 6 meters. It seems a radio licences in 9N-land is given for 2 bands at a time, so when you want 4 amateur bands, you will have to pay twice as much for the licence. (6 bands = 3 times the price). As this was being written, the callsign is not yet known. This time he will also try some digital modes like RTTY, PSK31 or JT6M. However, it's his first operation with this modes, so please be patient and don't expect too much. He will be using 100 watts into a long wire for HF and a dipole for 6 meters. He is very anxious to work anything on 6 meters (Let's hope for some propagation). QSL direct only to PA7FM. There is a Web site with online logs and pictures as soon as they are received, at:
<http://www.pa7fm.nl>

ACIAG. The members of Croatian Amateur Radio Asociation, a member of the IARU, formed the "All Croatian Islands Award Group" (ACIAG) at the beginning of October 2004. The ACIAG is opened to all radio amateurs and people who like chasing islands. The ACIA Group is an organization where you do not have to pay a membership fee; the membership is free. Your membership includes a membership award with a membership number; all you need to do

is send the membership application with 3 IRC coupons to cover the postage expenses. The ACIA Group issues two awards: All Croatian Islands Award (Basic) and All Croatian Islands Award (Diamond). Awards above are available as Trophies, Diplomas, Certificates and Medals. Islands are "activated" very regularly. Also, this is appealing and available to the SWLs. Everything concerning the ACIAG and ACIA awards can be found on the Web page at: <http://www.9a7k.com>

AH2, GUAM. The Guam Contest Club (GCC) will be on the air during the **CQ WW CW Contest (November 27- 28th)** as **AH2R**. This time they set a target as the Oceanic leader in the Multi-OP Single-TX category and World Top 5. Also, they are trying to build an Oceanic record in this category. The GCC team on Guam Island (KH2, Zone 27, IOTA OC-026) consists of: Aki/JI3ERV/NH2C, Toshi/JR7OMD/WI3O, Seo/JR3RVO/WX8M and Masaki/JO1DFG/KH2XC. QSL via JH7QXJ, Direct (see QRZ.com) or the JA bureau ("NOT" the KH2 bureau). Their Sunrise/Sunset is: 2026/0750z

BW2, TAIWAN. Ayumi, JH7BZR, informs OPDX that operator Hack/JL1EEE, Iku/JL1WQO, Tad/JL1ANP and himself (JH7BZR) will be active from here starting Thursday, **December 2nd** (Late Midnight) through Monday, **December 6th** (Early Morning). Operators will sign **BW2/JL1EEE, BW2/JL1WQO, BW2/JL1ANP** and **BW2/JH7BZR**. They may have two stations active on 160-10 meters including the WARC bands. Suggested frequencies are:

- **CW** - 1827.5 (listening up/down), 3505, 7005, 10135, 14030, 18090, 21030, 24915 and 28030 kHz
- **SSB** - 3560, 7060, 14175, 18130, 21275, 24950 and 28475 kHz
- **RTTY** - proper operating segments

The team will also take part in the **2004 ARRL 160 Meter Contest**. Ayumi states, "We are not serious DXers or Top band specialists. But we would like to work many NA/EU/JA, etc. on top band as much as we can. Please be patient!! Suggestions will be appreciated. (We are studying the rules)" QSL via their home callsign; the bureau is welcome. There may be a log search. Visit the Web page at: <http://homepage1.nifty.com/jh7bzs/>

CT3, MADEIRA ISLAND. Ken, W8LU, will be traveling to Madeira Island (AF-014) for **CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 27-28th)**. During the contest he will be operating as a team member from **CT9L**. Outside of the contest he will be active, signing his home callsign portable, **CT3/W8LU**, beginning **November 22nd**. Please QSL CT3/W8LU via W8LU.

EA8, CANARY ISLAND. Jose, CT1BOH, will be active as **EA8ZS** during the **CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 27-28th)** as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via EA8ZS.

EA8, CANARY ISLAND. Ville, OH2MM, will be active as **EA8EA** in the **CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 27-28th)** as Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL via OH2MM.

EA8, CANARY ISLAND. Toivo, ES2RR, will be active as **EA8EW** in the **CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 27-28th)** as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m) entry. QSL via OH1MA.

EI, IRELAND. Wes, SP4Z, will be active as **EI/SP4Z** during the **last week of November**. He will participate **CQ WW DX CW Contest** as a Single-Op/All- Band/Low-Power entry. Also,

there will be some activity before the contest. QSL via his home callsign.

HS0ZDZ/G3NOM AND HS0AC/HS72B CLUB STATION UPDATE. Robin, WA6CDR, informed OPDX with good and bad news. First the good. The HS72B CQWW CW and Special Operations team (DL3DXX, DL5LYM, G4ODV, G4UZN, WA6CDR, HS1CKC, HS0ZDX and HS0ZDZ) have received a very generous donation, and they will use it as matching funds toward a new, well equipped FT1000MarkV, shipping & customs costs for several FT980s they received with another generous donation, and repair/re-tube of their amplifiers, including a newly donated FL2100. They need your help to complete this project and bring the RAST club station online as a permanent full performance station. The team members are putting up their own money to make this happen; they need your help to finish the job properly. Now for the bad news. This project, however, was put on hold last week when station leader, Ray, **HS0ZDZ/G3NOM**, suffered a **heart attack** and is still hospitalized. The project has gotten everything back on track through major efforts of HS1CKC and HS0ZDX, but they still need your help. However, the news about Ray, HS0ZDZ/G3NOM, is not good, according to HS0ZDX. Anyone who would like to send their wishes for Ray's recovery may send them to: dx@thai.com HS0ZDX will print out the messages and pass them on to his wife, daughter and son-in-law in Bangkok. OPDX and its readers would like to send out our best wishes and prayers for Ray's speedy recovery.

IOQHM/IA0PS, ANTARCTICA. The **Mario Zucchelli Station** (formerly known as Baia Terra Nova) at **Terra Nova Bay, Victoria Land (AN-16)**, is improving the personnel. Among the 80 people present at the Base, there is Dr. Mario Pillon, a researcher from the Italian ENEA Dept. who holds a personal Ham callsign, IOQHM. He has been showing up on 14180 kHz at 1845z signing **IOQHM/IA0PS**. However, as this was being typed, Mario is now signing **IOQHM/KC4**. Mario is expected to remain in Antarctica until around mid-February. He could also operate from Dome C and probably from other remote camps in the future if time and equipment permit. The Mario Zucchelli Station (MZS) is referenced for WAP as: WAP ITA-01

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AF-004.** Members of the Canary Islands DX Society will activate Tufia Rock as **EF8TDX, December 11-12th**. Tufia Rock is valid for the Spanish Islands Award (D.I.E), reference: S-101. Activity will be on 15 meters SSB only. The team that is activating AF-004 are licensed EC8 operators and are restricted to only operate below 21200 kHz. QSL Manager is EC8AUA (more details on QRZ.com). All QSLs will be posted through the URE Bureau after the operation. For more updated information, and also video/pictures after the EF8TDX activation, visit the Web page at: <http://www.cidxs.com>
- **SA-NEW.** Marco, CE6TBN, informed OPDX on the following updated news on the **Rennell Island IOTA (SA-NEW) DXpedition**. The team now consists of CE6NE/Mario, K9AJ Mike, KD6WW Bruce, HA1AG Zoli and CE6TBN/Marco. The team will be on the air as CE8A on SSB and CW with two stations on 80-10 meters. The pilot stations are: VE3LYC/Cezar (EU & NA) and JA1QXY/Gou (AS & OC). Activity will take place **February 10-15th** (weather depending). QSL Manager is CE6NE; by the Bureau or direct to: P.O.Box 866, Temuco, Chile. Please visit the Web site at: <http://www.ce6ne.cl>
- **SA-020.** (Update) Operators F9IE, F5TVG, F5VHQ, F8BJI and OE3GCU will activate **Salut Islands (Royale) (DIFO FY-008), French Guiana**, as **TO7C** from **March 10-17th**. The team is currently preparing and looking for input on bands and modes wants/needs. There is a survey available on the Web at: <http://to7c.free.fr/traficuk.html> A

online log will be available from the first days of activity for this F6KOP ARS DXpedition.

KC4, ANTARCTICA. Chris, **KC4/N3SIG**, reports that he "finally hooked up the ICOM 706 to the Amp in the ham shack, the antennas are all fixed and it's time to DX!" Look for him on 14243 kHz at or around 1930-2000 Local Eastern Time. ALL QSLs go to his home address and will be answered when he gets home.

KP1 & KP5, NAVASSA AND DESECHEO ISLAND. "The Lone Star DX Association (LSDXA) has joined the effort to get Navassa (KP1) and Desecheo (KP5) islands back on the air! As the primary DX organization associated with this effort, the LSDXA will assist in many important ways to achieve our common goal by encouraging Amateur radio operators to contact their Congressmen to support new legislation to re-open these islands, and help raise needed funds for court review of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) ban of Amateur Radio on these islands. Action continues to be pursued aggressively on multiple fronts. The initial grass roots effort conducted by the DX and Contest community during the summer of 2004 has resulted in legislation being drafted to force the FWS to allow access to KP1 & KP5. As a result your help is immediately needed! Congressman Nick Rahall (D-WV) has introduced HR5361 in the House of Representatives. Congressman Richard Pombo (D-CA) has also signed on, making this a bipartisan effort. It is critical that each and every DXer and interested Contester contact their U.S. Representative now to tell them that this legislation is important to you. Ask them to contact Rep. Rahall's office (202-225-3452; fax 202- 225-9061) and offer to sign-on to this pending legislation. With your support, this legislation will be successful and move onto the Senate and ultimately the President to be signed into law." The above is just part of a very long press release by the LSDXA. It is important for interested DXers and Contesters to read the whole press release. It can be downloaded as a PDF file at: <http://briefcase.yahoo.com/michael.l.thomas@sbcglobal.net> (Click on "Island Project" and download "News ReleaseR8"). As the host organization for the project, the LSDXA has donated 500 USD to a fund it will administer to help pay for the costs of moving the effort forward in Congress and in court. If you or your organization would like to help, please send your donation to the Lone Star DX Association, c/o Jim Bass, K5KQI, 2709 Monarch Dr., Arlington, TX 76006. Mark your donation for the "Navassa-Desecheo Project." Your help, in whatever amount, will be greatly appreciated! LSDXA has been granted 501(c)(3) tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service. News updates, additional information and resources can be found at: <http://www.dxer.org>

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY. Members of the LABRE/RN will activate the Lighthouse **Gameleira, December 3-5th**. They will use the callsign **ZY7LH**. Activity will be on CW, SSB, PSK31 and RTTY. Bands were not mentioned. Reference numbers are: DFB RN 05, ARLHS BRA 133 and Grid HI24GS. QSL via PS7AA: LABRE/RN, P.O. Box 251, 59010-970, Natal / RN - BRAZIL.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2005. The **Southwest Ohio DX Association** officers for 2005 are:

President	Peter Meyer,	N0FW
Vice President	Ron Moorefield,	W8ILC
Secretary	William Moore,	W8KVU
Treasurer	Jay Slough,	K4ZLE

OH0, ALAND ISLAND. Toni, OH2UA, will be active as **OH0B** during the **CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 27-28th)** as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40m) entry. QSL via OH2BH.

P4, ARUBA. John/W6LD, Denny/KX7M and Rick/N6XI will be participating as **P40L** in the **CQ WW DX CW Contest** from John's station on Aruba. QSL via the bureau or direct to K5WW. The log will also be uploaded to the LoTW.

P5, NORTH KOREA. There is a Web page reporting that Mark, OH5XL, will try to activate North Korea during Christmas. The Elstar Web page also states the following details:

"Problem is money. We wish support and donation to Mark for his trip. Permission will be for CW and SSB. Operation mainly on CW. Using AEA PK-232DSP, Alinco DX-70TH and Smart Tuner. ELSTAR Oy, Ltd supports on USD 1000, - We wish your firm could do the same. Full three day operation takes at least USD 5000 more. Antennas: Smart GP, Smart Qwiere, all from ELSTAR. If Mark is not in the Air, the donation will be used for other trip during 2005. At least Mark will be there. Permission is not sure yet. All support helps."

To see the announcement (and possible updates), visit the Web page at:

http://www.elstar.fi/hinnastot/dx_today/dxtoday.htm

PACIFIC DXPEDITION. Just a reminder that Dominique/F6EPY, Kar/F6GNZ and Michel/F6COW will start their Pacific operations this week (**November 24th**) starting from **Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands**. Please refer to [OPDX.683](#) for more details on islands to be activated and QSL routes.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- QSL Manager Patrice, F6JOB, announced that he is **no longer** the manager for the expeditions (past and future) organized by Dominique, F6EPY. This includes the following callsigns: **YJ0APY, ZK1EPY, 5W0DA**, and now **FO/ZK1EPY** and **ZK1EPY** (2004).
- QSL **TM6OLM** via F6KFO. This activity is to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the town of Metz, France. Members of the F6KFO ARS will be active until the 26th of November. However, the main activity was to happen between November 21-22nd.
- **TX9 ONLINE LOG.** It has been reported that the TX9 group is citing some problems with the online log and have turned it off. They have further stated that they do not plan to reinstate it. The link to the TX9 site with this news is:
<http://www.df3cb.com/chesterfield/news.html>
- **VK9LA/VK9LW** QSL cards are now at the printers. Bill, VK4FW, states, "We should have them back in 14 days. QSLING will begin immediately. As cards are done, they will be posted. This will take place daily until all requests are out. Those that have not sent the required return postage will be done last. Some people have put VK stamps on their return envelopes..... this is not acceptable as most times the amounts are incorrect..... it is better to just send IRCs, Euros or USDs."
- **YV0D QSLs.** "The Daily DX" reports that the YV0D QSL cards are expected to be shipped on November 20th and in the hands of QSL Manager KB6NAN, Dianna, around

Thanksgiving. She will start to answer requests as soon as she gets the QSLs.

S9, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE. Excerpts from a press release by Jarmo, OH2BN, states that operators Pekka/OH2TA, Pertti/OH2PM and Martti/OH2BH will be active from the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, starting Saturday, **November 20th**, and running for **two weeks**, including the **CQWW DX CW Contest**. They will activate two stations covering all bands, CW and SSB. The callsign **S9BB** will be used outside the contest and **S9RR** in the contest. QSL manager is Pekka, OH2TA. The expedition is supported by Charles Lewis/S9SS, Mike Mertel/K7IR (SteperIR), Vertex Standard (Yaesu) and Marlin Beach Hotel, Sao Tome. Suggested frequencies are:

- **CW** - 1823/1833, 3503, 7003, 10103, 14023, 18073, 21023, 24893, 28023 kHz
- **SSB** - 3795, 7045, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945, 28,495 kHz

Daily contacts will be maintained with Pertti/OH2RF, Bill/K6GNX and Yoichi/JP1NWZ.

SPECIAL ACTIVITY. Wojtek, SP8MI, will use the special Polish callsign **HF8IARU**, from **January 25th through March 6th**. Activity will be on the HF bands, CW and possibly more modes. QSL via SP8MI. No details or reasons were provided for this special activity.

SPECIAL EVENT. French amateurs in the Loire and Sarthe Departments are involved with a "**French 36 hours Telethon 2004**" (which collects funds in fighting genetic diseases) and will be active with special callsigns before, during and after the event. Look for the following French stations to be active:

- The Loire Department and F6KRG hams will be active **December 3-4th** as **TM8TLN**. Activity will be on HF/VHF, CW, SSB and SSTV. QSL via operator's instructions.
- The Sarthe Department hams will be active as **TM6TLT**, from **December 1-8th**, with the main activity on the **3rd and 4th**. QSL via operator's instructions.

SPECIAL EVENT. To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Dutch Coastal Station, (**PCH Scheveningen Radio** which closed down December 31, 1998) look for special event station **PC100H** to be active from 0700z Saturday, December 18th until 1900z Sunday, December 19th. Suggested frequencies are:

- **CW** - 1830, 3530, 7030, 10130, 14030, 18090, 21030, 28030
- **SSB** - 1850, 3650, 7050, 14250, 18150, 21250, 28250
- **FM** - 144.250 and 145.250
- **RTTY/PSK31** - 10145

For the actual schedule, please refer to the Web page at: <http://www.remeeus.nl/pch/pc100h.htm>

ST, SUDAN. Hugo, LA5YJ, is now in **Khartoum**, and will apply for a license as soon as the holy days have passed. He will try to get **ST7YJ**, and this time the QSLs for the Sudan will go to LA4YW. All of his other operations (9N7YJ, XU7ACW, MI0YJR and his home callsign LA5YJ) will still be handled by him. All QSL cards received via the bureau and direct were taken care of before his departure on the **13th of November**. More details are forthcoming.

ST, SUDAN. QSL Manager Dennis, PA7FM, informs OPDX that Paul, ST2PN, is in

Khartoum for his work for the WFP of the UN, and will remain active **until the 3rd of December**, and then return back home to Norway. However, as things look right now, he will go back to the Sudan for another **half a year in January 2005**. He will also be active again as **ST2PN**. That is only when time allows and when he's not in the field in Darfur (the problem area in Sudan and where radio operations are not allowed), the work area for Paul. Online logs and photos (of his the 10 element log-periodic that came down in a storm) are available on: <http://www.pa7fm.nl> QSL direct only to PA7FM (QRZ.com address), as Paul is not a member of the PA bureau.

SU, EGYPT. Tom, N9NC, will be active as **SU9NC** during the **CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 27-28th)** as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via OM2SA.

T33C VIDEO. "The T33C Banaba Dxpedition video is now available. The video package includes two discs, one is a DVD record of the expedition, including details of the radio operation and scenes of Banaba and its people. The soundtrack includes lots of wonderful music performed by Banaban musicians, recorded during the expedition. This is an expanded version of the video that premiered at the Northwest DX Convention earlier this year. The second disc contains still photographs of Banaba and many of the Powerpoint slides that were shown at the recent Friedrichshafen hamfest. It's easy to order on-line, and, if desired, pay with PayPal. On-line ordering details are at: http://www.dx-pedition.de/banaba2004/order_dvd.htm The price is 15.00 USD plus 2.50 USD postage in the USA and territories. Outside of the USA, the package sells for 12 Euro plus 3 Euro postage. Outside of the USA, please follow order instructions on our Web site. USA hams can order through my PayPal account doctore@well.com or direct to my address: Alan Eshleman., K6SRZ, 2213 Vine Street, Berkeley CA 94709. All proceeds will go toward paying off the expenses of the expedition. 73, Alan/K6SRZ"

TF3, ICELAND. Sigurdur, **TF3CW**, will be active during the **CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 27-28, 2004)** as Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via LX1NO.

TO4, MARTINIQUE. Jim, N6TJ, will be active as **TO4A** in the **CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 27-28th)** as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. He will be operating from FM5BH's QTH. QSL via VE3HO.

VE2, CANADA (Zone 2). Vladimir/VE3JM and Nikola/VE3EY will be active as **VE2/homecall** from **Sept Iles, Quebec**, which is located in **CQ Zone 2**, between **January 13-19th**. Their main focus will be on the lower bands. They will use verticals for 80/160 meters. QSL via their home callsigns.

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLANDS. Roger, W9ROG, will be on **Diego Garcia (AF-006)** until the **end of the year** with the United States Air Force Security Forces. He is currently operating as **VQ9OG** on his days off and will be operating on 80-10 meters including the WARC bands. Watch 7067 and 7088 kHz after 1930z. Watch 15 meters SSB between 1200-140 and 20 meters SSB after 1400z. QSL via his home callsign of W9ROG.

VU4, ANDAMAN ISLANDS (Update). A flurry of press releases were sent out this past week. In short, it is now official, Bharathi, VU2RBI, has received permission to operate from the Port Blair, Andaman Islands. Her press release states:

"A special permission of Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Department of Telecommunication is accorded on 19th November, 2004 to Mrs. D. Bharathi Prasad, VU2RBI (Team Leader) along with Mr. D. N. Prasad, VU2DBP, Mr. D.S. Varun Sastry, VU3DVS, Mr. S. Ram Mohan, VU2MYH and Mr. R. Sarath Babu, VU3RSB, respectively to use special callsigns **VU4NRO** and **VU4RBI** and shift their location to Andaman and Nicobar Islands from 3 December 2004.

The Chairman, Governing Council & Members of NIAR & Hams wish the members of Andaman Dxpedition team a grand success.

For Dxpedition News / Site will be updated in www.niar.org

All correspondence related to this Expedition to niarvu4@gmail.com

73s D.Bharathi Prasad, VU2RBI
Chief Co-ordinator, NIAR
Team Leader, Andaman Dxpedition - 2004

Word has it that she and her team have permission to operate between December 3-31st. Earlier in the week (while Bharathi was waiting for the official permission to be granted), Bharathi sent out a press release stating she was extremely grateful to the DX Community for the encouragement by their letters and E-mails. She states, "It is your opinions/suggestions/ recommendations made to Mr. Dayanidhi Maran, Honorable Minister of Communications and others made it possible for me and the National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR is a national organisation for Amateur Radio in India is fully supporting me) to achieve very good results."

Please remember that funds are still needed for this operation. Donations/ funds should be directed to:

National Institute of Amateur Radio
Raj Bhavan Road
Hyderabad 500 082
India

Funds can also be sent to the Charles, K4VUD. Charles states, "Any and all donations that come to me will be completely used to assist this DXpedition via the National Institute of Amateur Radio in India, the umbrella sponsoring agency who, BTW, is allowed to receive foreign funds." K4VUD mail address is: Charles Harpole, 3100 N. Hwy. 426, Geneva, FL 32732 USA. Charles also states/recommends the following words to the DX community: "This is truly an exciting moment for ham radio DXing, activating an entity silent for about 17 years. Please be on your best on-air behavior when calling. We want to show ham radio to the India government and the world regulatory bodies that we are a disciplined and worth while activity, fully deserving of precious spectrum space. There are no firm answers yet as to what bands/modes nor what rigs/antennas. This DXpedition is not a mass group of crack operators arriving with tons of gear. However, there is some possibility of a continuing re-newal of permits to VU4 by many India hams, thus, we have the hope of more contact opportunities in the future. Warm up the rigs ... here we go !" 73, Charles Harpole

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